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1. (Presently Amended) A computer display comprising:
a LCD housing made in a single piece from a single light transmissive material,
said material having the same light transmissive characteristics throughout, wherein the
LCD housing provides structural support for handling by a user;
a light source coupled to the LCD housing;
a LCD coupled directly to the LCD housing;
a reflective coating on at least a portion of a surface of the LCD housing, wherein
light is reflected by said reflective coating; and
wherein the LCD housing functions as a light pipe for conducting light from the
light source directly to the LCD and protects the LCD.

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